

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 10:18 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Barbara Riotte, Public Member

Members Absent: Christopher M. Dupuis, Public Member
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Philip Kent, Esquire, Public Member
John T. Higgins, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Richard M. Hurlburt
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Public Present: Paul Femia, CT Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Rep
Eric Brown
Brock Shook
Herbert Melfor
David Grzech
Robert Williams

Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.
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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 5, 2012 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Michael Barillaro, East Hampton, CT – (S-9) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Barillaro's application, contingent upon passing his (S-10) Limited Journeyman exam.

Russell D. Brett, Sherman, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Brett's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Jerry Giglio, Pleasantville, NY – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Giglio's application due to lack of required documentation concerning his school related experience and lack of documentation from the New York licensing authority verifying the scope of work covered under his New York license to determine if his New York license is comparable to the CT (S-2) license.

Kyle W. Herindeen, Woodstock, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Herindeen's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Luke Mangels, Hopewell Jct, NY – (SM-2) Unlimited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mangels' application based on equivalent experience and training.

David A. Mazrek, West Granby, CT – (S-5) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Mazrek's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Steven J. Minton, Plantsville, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Minton's application, contingent upon receipt of his United States Military Apprenticeship Program Completion Certificate for equivalent experience and training credit consideration.

Michael T. O'Brien, Thompson, CT – (G-1) Limited Contractor – Approved (G-2)

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. O'Brien to sit for his (G-2) Limited Journeyman exam based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (G-2) exam, he may apply for the (G-1) Limited Contractor exam and appear before the Board for hardship waiver of the two year requirement as a (G-2) Limited Journeyman.

Richard S. O'Brien, Jr., Derby, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. O'Brien's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Sam Patterson, Harwinton, CT – (G-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Patterson's application based on equivalent experience and training.

Robert L. Reed, Hamden, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Reed's application, contingent upon receipt of a (D-2) Limited Journeyman "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Brock J. Shook, Woodbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Shook's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate". Mr. Casey abstained from voting.

Arthur E. Stephens, N. Brunswick, NJ – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Stephens did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Robert C. Williams, Wappingers Falls, NY – (B-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Williams' application based on equivalent experience and training.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications)

Eric S. Brown, Enfield, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved (D-2)

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Brown to sit for his (D-2) Limited Journeyman exam based on equivalent experience and training. The Board also voted unanimously to approve Mr. Brown to sit for his (B-4) Limited Journeyman exam based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon submittal of a (B-4) application.

David J. Grzech, Flagler Beach, FL – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (S-2)

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Grzech to sit for his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman exam based on equivalent experience and training. If he passes the (S-2) exam, he may apply and sit for the (S-1) Unlimited Contractor exam.

Herbert W. Melfor, Hartford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Melfor's application based on equivalent experience and training, contingent upon submittal of an (S-1) application.

Eric Urpin, Hamden, CT – (STC-2) Solar Thermal Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Urpin's application.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

There was no complaint status report provided for today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casey informed the Board that CL&P and United Illuminating Company are authorizing technicians holding a home improvement registration to perform "Combustion Testing", which is illegal and not permitted without proper licensure pursuant to Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes and Regulations of CT State Agencies Title 20. Mr. Casey reiterated that the Heating Board has ruled multiple times (1/5/11, 3/2/11, 5/23/11 and 8/24/11) that combustion testing is licensable work.

Mr. Casey further reported that his company (Climate Partners) is being unfairly & negatively rated as a direct result of complying with the Board's rulings. Additionally, other licensed heating contractors in the HES program may be placing themselves and their technicians in jeopardy of violating DCP statutes as well. Plus, if unlicensed testing is taking place on a mass scale statewide, the consumer is being potentially placed at risk unnecessarily too. Our compliance to DCP statutes/rulings regarding combustion testing as licensable work is resulting in direct harm to our company. Mr. Casey would like to know how to appeal getting penalized for not violating CT DCP statutes.

The Board voted unanimously to copy all parties via e-mail the Board's meeting minutes concerning combustion efficiency testing.

2012 Meeting Schedule

10:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

- **January 26 – Thursday**
- **February 23 – Thursday**
- **March 22 – Thursday**
- **April 19 – Thursday**
- **May 17 – Thursday**
- **June 14 – Thursday**
- **July 12 – Thursday**
- **August 9 – Thursday**
- **September 6 – Thursday**
- **October 4 – Thursday**
- **November 1 – Thursday**
- **November 29 – Thursday**
- **December 27 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room-117.